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DECLARATION OF KATIA GEORGOPOULOS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

I, Katia Georgopoulos, declare as follows:

1. I am an inventor on the above-captioned patent application.

2. The claimed nucleic acid invention was first conceived and reduced to practice in the United States by the inventors prior to February 4, 1998, the publication date of Hahn et al. (GenBank™ Accession Number AF044257). Attached as Exhibit A is a true copy of a record which reports experiments setting forth the nucleotide sequence of a murine Helios cDNA. The date of the sequence analysis of Exhibit A, which is obscured in this copy as permitted by the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 715.07, is prior to February 4, 1998.

3. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

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